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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

USDA RD offers funds for Sec. 514/516 and other programs

May 10, 2010

Funds are now available for Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing and for the Section 538 Multi-Family Housing Guarantee demonstration program (which offers a single guarantee from construction through permanent financing), announced by USDA Rural Development in the May 10, 2010 *Federal Register*. Fiscal Year 2010 funds have also been made available for Section 515 Rural Rental Housing loans, Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants, Section 538 Multi-Family Housing loan guarantees, and Household Water Well System Grants. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

Full-day Preschool Found to Benefit Boys

The Washington Post

Montgomery County boys as well as African Americans of both sexes benefit more from full-day pre-kindergarten programs, according to a study announced Monday by school officials. The findings come at a time when educators increasingly are using programs aimed at the youngest students as the surest way to close persistent gaps in performance between economic and racial groups. Maryland schools are among the most generous in the nation in terms of early childhood spending. [Learn more...](#)

Evaluating the New Supplemental Poverty Rate Proposal

Past Brookings Event

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced that it will develop a new supplemental poverty measure, based in part on a well-known 1995 report from the National Academy of Sciences. The current poverty measure has been strongly criticized by experts from all points on the political spectrum because it ignores billions of dollars in family income, including government benefits that are specifically designed to help low-income families. Critics also point out that the country is using a poverty threshold that does not reflect the increase in basic living standards over time. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Enhancing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Certification: SNAP Modernization Efforts

Interim Report - Volume 1

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) serves as a basic nutritional safety net for many low-income individuals and families as well as a critical support for households transitioning to self-sufficiency. Over the past decade, an array of federal options and state initiatives have emerged to increase accessibility and efficiency. The report describes

the results of a national survey on state modernization efforts that were conducted in late 2008. It focuses not only on technological innovations but also on policy and organizational changes that affect the way SNAP is delivered to clients. [Learn more...](#)

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